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The City Market

LETTER FROM FORMER EDITOR.

Pleasant City, Ohio, Dec. 27, 1911
Editor Jackson County Journal,
Sylva, N. C.

My Dear Friend—Now that the rush of the Christmas work is over, and we have a few days of relaxation before the January trade opens up, very often I think of my many good friends in Jackson county, and wonder in what manner they are spending these winter days. I would appreciate the opportunity of dropping off in Sylva and enjoying a short stay with its hospitable people.

We have had one of the most delightful winters here so far, that it has been my lot to witness. The roads are in fine condition and the automobiles are running every day, had a twenty mile ride in one yesterday. We have not had any rain at all of any consequence this fall and winter, hence the reason for so excellent roads. We now are having considerable snow but as the weather is cold and it does not melt but packs down it does not affect travel.

I have been hoping to hear of some definite action taken on the road question in Jackson county. While editor of the Journal I did what I could to boost the interest of good roads, feeling with a deep conviction that the future of Jackson county mainly depended on the development of her thoroughfares. You as a people can build your roads and make a success of it, and the brightness of the ascending star of old Jackson depends solely on the united efforts of her citizens

Do not worry about the railroads develop your resources and the railroads of necessity will follow. Build a permanent foundation on which to develop your resources, do not encourage a project that has its only object to deplete your natural resources.

How much better it would be for the county if in the development of the natural resources they worked over by skilled labor and the entire benefit of its natural richness be preserved to its people, than by allowing the raw material shipped out and some other locality get the cream of your vast wealth.

I can not help thinking of that grand talk made by Mr. Joyner in the auditorium at Sylva, and of the forceful manner, in which he demonstrated the superiority of skilled labor over unskilled labor in a community, and how much more the skilled laborer benefitted the community in which he resided than an unskilled one did. There is no benefit in shipping out the resources of Jackson county that does not bring back a justifiable remuneration.

Ohio in September voted down a proposition to bond the state for \$50,000,000 to improve roads, but it was done so for the reason that a number of counties had bonded themselves and built macadam roads all over their principal roads and it would have been an injustice to several of the counties to have had to help the other counties after they had built their own. We expect to pave the main street of our town in the near future and then will begin to petition for county and state aid to have them help build some paved road out to the neighboring towns, for we can not get state aid until we have some place

to start against. You will find in your towns start to build their roads the rest of the county will gladly fall in line when they see the wonderful benefit to be derived. Ohio is now shaping another law to build roads but it will not have the same injustice in it that the other law that was voted down had.

When the Federal Government votes appropriations for roads, and it will be but a short time until it does, the conditions governing the distribution of the appropriation will be such as to make it compulsory to use it to join up against roads that are all ready developed, so you see under these conditions Jackson would not share in the benefit of such a move.

I have written sufficient for once and will try and write you again on some other subjects that in my belief could be remedied.

A glad and prosperous New Year to all in the boundary of Old Jackson.

Very Respectfully Yours,
C. L. Stranathan.

NORTON.

Christmas passed very quietly here except for a few young men and boys who thought there was more pleasure in drinking than in celebrating the occasion as it should be.

I. S. Lombard spent one night last week with Mrs. B. Norton.

Walter Wilson was in Norton this week.

Miss Lucye Zachary left Monday for Greenville where she will enter Draughtons Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bryson were the guests of Mrs. Brysons parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Pierson Christmas week returning to their home at Cullasaja Saturday.

D. E. Peek was in Norton last week.

Henry Tritt, wife and sister, Miss Alice, of Tuckaseegee passed through this place last week.

Miss Tela Pierson visited home folks during Christmas.

Roy and Burr McGuire spent the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McGuire.

John Montieth was here Tuesday. We understand that Arley McGuire will leave soon for Sylva where he will work sometime.

Fred Zachary was in Norton last week.

Ray Norton was visiting here last week.

A delightful dinner was served at the home of Mrs. B. Norton on Christmas day. There was quite a crowd present and all reported a pleasant time.

Charley Zachary was here last week.

Gus Galloway passed through Norton Friday.

Another dinner was given at the home of Mrs. D. E. Stewart last Friday. There was lots of good things to eat but the principal dish was "coon" there were three nice baked coons in the center of the table. Those present were; Messers. Arley McGuire, Praelo Carbon, Fred Bryson Lyman Stewart and Carl Jamison.

Misses Fay Zachary, Emma and Alma Jamison, Mrs. B. Norton and others.

Dr. W. P. McGuire is at home for a few days.

"Zee"

DIX CREEK.

The people of Dix Creek have been enjoying a revival meeting conducted by Rev. M. A. Thony assisted by Rev. Thaddeus Watson of Swain County, and they are thinking of continuing the meeting for several days longer.

Dan Brown of Barkers Creek has been visiting friends at Dix Creek

or the last week.

Joe Turpin made a business trip to Murphy Saturday.

Mrs. Frances Gibson is quite ill.

John Davis has moved from Dix Creek to Dr. Candler's place at Dillsboro.

Carey Allison of Sylva was on Dix Creek last week on business.

Tom King of Whittier has moved to S. C. Allison's farm.

John Brown and wife took Christmas dinner with Joe Turpin.

SPEEDWELL.

Christmas passed off quietly in Speedwell, and the boys had a nice game of base ball, which the writer enjoyed very much. Our boys are catching on to the fact that public drunkenness is a public disgrace, and that it mortifies the feelings of the kind parents, and reflects dishonor upon themselves. I am of the opinion that soon our civilization will wipe this practice (or habit of getting drunk on Christmas) away. I hope soon we can number this habit as a relic of the past. Our young people must have higher aims in life, if they would make their mark in this life. Much depends on how our young folks are taught at home. If the kind parent sees his boy leaning in the wrong direction, then the brakes should be applied. This can usually be done by sound counsel, spiced with love and affection. The boy who will not heed the loving counsel of the kind parent is in a most dangerous position, and needs the strong ties of the father's and mother's love thrown closely around him, together with kind words from all good people who know him. I believe every boy could be redeemed from ruinous habits if every parent and person would throw the proper influence around him. The first step would be to be careful and set the proper example for him to follow. Then at all times have his best interest at heart. We never can stop our boys cursing or from any other evil habit if we practice those habits ourselves. Our boys are naturally imitative, hence importance of correct living on our part. The lives of the children are a continuation of the lives of the parents, as a rule. Children inherit to a great extent, the ways, habits, customs, features, health, etc., of the parents. Honor thy father and mother that thy days may be many on this earth.

Mrs. Edley Taylor has been quite sick for some time, but is reported a little better for the last day or two.

L. V. Tilley, who is teaching in Macon County spent part of the holidays at Speedwell.

Mrs. Z. V. Watson and John Watson are spending a few days in Qualla.

Dr. Seago's remedy for "sun grins" has been laid in the shade this cloudy weather. X. Y. Z.

CAROLINA WINS RATE VICTORY

Washington.—North Carolina furniture manufacturers won a victory of far-reaching effect when the interstate commerce commission handed down an opinion in favor of the North Carolina manufacturers in the case against the Virginia territory in which it was claimed that the rate on furniture to the Pacific coast was a discrimination against the North Carolina manufacturers in favor of Virginia furniture dealers.

The case was urged before the commission several months ago by Robert M. McNeill of Washington and E. J. Justice of Greensboro.

Mr. McNeill said last night, that the victory won by the Tar Heel manufacturers is far reaching and means many thousands of dollars

for them. He said ever since furniture manufacturers got a start in North Carolina and moved the boundary of its market westward it has had to secure buyers in competition with Virginia territory, New York, Pennsylvania and New England, with a freight rate preference against them of \$40 per car in favor of the competitors. The decision is a sweeping victory for the North Carolina shippers and not only means that the freight rate on furniture and chairs will hereafter be \$1.50 per 100 pounds carload lots, 25,000 pounds minimum, but it also means that in the future the shippers of North Carolina may be assured that the interstate commerce commission, through this decision, has indicated its desire and willingness to correct the long standing abuse which has existed against the cities of North Carolina and in favor of other sections of the country, in the matter of freight rates enforced by the railroads.

LEAP YEAR COUNTS.

Gazette-News

Leap year ends with far fewer New York girls having taken advantage of leap year than Chicago girls have. Compared with an increase of over 3000 marriages in Chicago this year, as reported in a dispatch from that city, the marriage license bureau in New York announces an excess of only about 2000 marriages here over the number last year. The total for the year has been 38,264. The marriage license clerks declare there is no doubt that leap year continues to have its effects on matrimonial business and say that records every leap year keep up the tradition.

A COUNTRY EDITOR'S DUTIES.

Publisher's Auxiliary

Senator H. B. Terrell, editor of the West (Tex.) News, briefly sums up the duties of the country editor, and those not familiar with a country print shop might peruse with interest the total: "To run a newspaper all a fellow has to do is to be able to write poems, discuss the tariff and money questions, umpire a baseball game, report a wedding, saw wood, describe a fire so that the readers will shed their wraps, make \$1 do the work of \$10, shine at a dance, measure calico, abuse the liquor habit, test whiskey, subscribe to charity, go without meals, attack free silver, wear diamonds, invent advertisements, sneer at snobbery, overlook scandal, apprise babies, delight pumpkin raisers, minister to the afflicted, heal the disgruntled, fight to a finish, set type, mould opioions, sweep out the office, speak at prayer meetings and stand in with everybody and everything."

Notice.

All persons will take notice that the undersigned did, on the 6th day of May 1912, the same being the first Monday in said month, purchase at a sale of real estate held at the Court House door in Webster, Jackson County, North Carolina, for the non-payment of taxes assessed for the year 1911, and being delinquent for said year, 480 acres of land in Qualla township, Jackson County, North Carolina, being listed to James R. Thomas and being all those lands in said township owned by said James R. Thomas and composing what is known as his home lands or farm and frequently called the steecah Farm and described in an agreement from W. R. Thomas Jr. to said James R. Thomas, bearing date 30th day of November, 1882 and registered in Book "58" page 584 of the record of deeds for Jackson Co.

For the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE AND 60-100 (\$173.60) DOLLARS, being the amount of tax and cost due thereon: that the time of redemption will expire on May 6, 1913, and if not redeemed as by law provided, it is the purpose and intention of the undersigned to take title thereto.

This the 10th day of December 1912.
R. L. WATTS.